

2 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 2 December 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Dr. FitzGerald, Mr. Gray,  
Mr. Harr, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Scribner, Mr. G. C. Smith(State),  
Mr. B. Smith

1. Birth Control

Mr. Harr read the transcript of the President's press conference that morning which outlined his stand on Government involvement in birth control measures.

2. British-Soviet Agreement on Broadcasting

Mr. Allen and the DCI commented on implications of the recent agreement between the British and the Soviets on reciprocal broadcasting. Mr. Allen said that the Soviets seemed to be claiming credit for lifting the jamming of VOA, but that while there has been some move in this direction there is still a great deal of jamming.

3. Nicar Nickel Plant

Mr. Harr said that some concern has been expressed about the protection of facilities of the Nicaro Nickel Plant in Cuba and questioned whether this was something the OCB could get into. The consensus seemed to be that, particularly since the plant is U.S. -owned, the OCB has no particular concern with it.

4. Iceland

A general discussion then ensued about the proposed withdrawal of U.S. ground troops from Iceland. Attention was called to the some-

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what ambiguous position of the Icelandic government in this connection.

5. "On the Beach"

This motion picture was discussed once more. The Board generally agreed that although its effect is not likely to be good for U.S. official interests it is probably counterproductive to try to oppose its showing or to try too hard or too obviously to soften its possible impact. Mr. Dulles pointed out that the picture is receiving backing from some rather unexpected sources, and that in at least one instance, Government officials have been listed as sponsoring the production. (The two State Department officials concerned stated later that they had been totally unaware that their names had been so used.)

6. Geneva Conferences

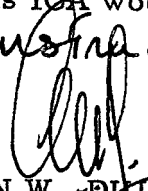
A general discussion took place of the over-all difficulties confronting the American Government in connection with the disarmament conference. The nuclear energy conference was also mentioned, and it was pointed out by both Mr. Smith and Mr. Irwin that the negotiations of this group were not under any particular pressure except for the French desire to join the "nuclear club."

7. "New Jackson Committee"

Mr. Gray announced that Mansfield Sprague had accepted the chairmanship of the newly-established committee to look into the old Jackson report and that the President had written a letter to Mr. Sprague. Gray said that the Government membership would consist of the four principally concerned agencies (State, Defense, USIA, CIA) plus White House representation, but that the non-governmental individuals had not yet been selected.

8. "Hope"

Dr. FitzGerald said that there had been difficulties in raising the ~~\$1 to~~ \$2 million from private sources which had been visualized as necessary for the successful implementation of Project Hope. He said Mr. Saccio had decided that in view of this ICA would shelve the project for the time being, *unless Maurice is satisfied.*

  
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